

THE TRIBUNE
PRIZE WINNERSt. Lucie County; It's History,
Resources and Possibilities"

FOURTEEN IN CONTEST

Edges Award First Prize to the Following
Essay, Written by William Hunter, a
Public School Pupil in 10th Grade

St. Lucie, the youngest county in the state of Florida, is situated midway between the Atlantic coast and the Gulf of Mexico. It is bounded by the Indian River to the north, by the Atlantic ocean to the east, by Dade county to the south, by Lake Okechobee to the south and west and by Ocala county to the west. The far-famed Indian River extends through the entire length of the county, parallel with the Atlantic ocean.

St. Lucie county came into existence the first day of July 1905, being created from the southern end of old Indian River county, by the state legislature of that year. It has a length of about forty-seven miles and an average width of about forty miles, and its population, including residents from almost every state in the union, is about twenty thousand.

Fort Pierce, the county seat, is the principal town, having a population of nearly two thousand, and being a division point of the Florida East Coast railway.

Most important among the other towns are Jensen, White City and Sebastian, other and smaller towns are Ankonah, Eldred, St. Lucie, Viki, Vero, Quay, Wabasso, Roseland, and Fort Drum.

Principal among the many and varied industries of the county is pineapple culture, this being the principal resource. From twelve to thirteen hundred carloads of the delicious, far-famed Indian River pineapples are shipped yearly and the income from without the state is over a half million dollars from this one industry alone. Pineapples were first cultivated at Eden by Captain T. E. Richards, "Father of the People Industry," in the year 1876, owing to lack of transportation facilities, were not grown to any extent until after 1890, when the old line Indian River steamboats was established. The fruit was transferred at Jacksonville to the old Jacksonville, Tampa & Key West railway, by which it is conveyed to Jacksonville, thence to the northern markets.

In 1894 the industry had increased such an extent that it was almost impossible for the steamer line to handle the traffic, but in the fall of that year the Florida East Coast Railway was extended through this section and transportation troubles were over. This railroad has the reputation of being the shippers the best and quickest service in the state today.

The winter of 1894-5 brought the big freeze, that killed all of the orange groves of the upper part of the state. The pineapples were also apparently killed, but the next year brought a crop of fruit, from the plants which sprouted from the roots of the frozen pines and thus proves the stability of this most resourceful industry and proved that a freeze severe enough to kill all the orange trees, to the tips of the roots, meant the loss of only one crop of pineapples.

Other fruits grown with profit in the county are oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, bananas, kumquats, guavas, papaws, limes, avocado pears and mangoes. The annual revenue from orange and grapefruit crop alone is about \$150,000.

St. Lucie county has some of the finest land for general farming purposes, the state, and the income from market gardening fully equals that obtained in orange culture. Most easily cultivated of the vegetables grown on the farms in the interior are tomatoes, beans, peppers, eggplant, lettuce, onions, celery, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, and okra or gumbo. Sugar cane, though not cultivated to any extent grows wild and will for years continue reproducing itself from the "stub" or old stalks, without any care whatever.

Thousands of cattle, sheep and hogs are on the ranges in the western part of the county, and from these the East Coast Cattle Company supplies meat to the towns for 150 miles along the coast.

Thirty fisheries, employing some three hundred men, are the source of \$200,000 revenue annually.

The appropriate name of "The Sportsman's Paradise" has been applied to this section. Tarpon, mackerel, kingfish, blue fish, channel bass and sheepshead abound in the waters of the river and the ocean and these furnish ample sport to those seeking pleasure in the rod and reel, while in the back country, such game as quail, wild turkey, wild cats, otter and bear are quite numerous.

One important resource, though very much neglected in the past, is coming to notice. It is our pine timber. Almost all the supplies of lumber, and the best of it, are obtained from the

near future, be taken from our pine forests.

Sunday, the third day of May, 1908, was a disastrous day for St. Lucie county, the town of Jensen being almost entirely destroyed by fire, of incendiary origin. Not quite one year has passed since this stroke of ill luck but today Jensen stands a monument of everlasting proof, that the sooner a town built of wood is destroyed the faster will be the progress of that town.

The new passenger depot built by the Florida East Coast Railway at Jensen is a model building, of solid concrete, with red tile roof and should be a source of pride not to Jensen only, but to the whole county, as it has already been given the name of the most beautiful railway station on the East Coast.

Fort Pierce has recently been made the permanent division point of the Florida East Coast Railway and in a short time is to have a fine new depot, larger and more modern repair shops and generally improved railroad yards.

Besides these improvements by the railroad the government is sometime soon to have a twelve foot channel dredged in the Indian River from Fort Pierce, sixteen miles south, to the St. Lucie Inlet, which will also be deepened. The benefit resulting to St. Lucie county, from these improvements, by "Uncle Sam" is very apparent as large vessels will not only be able to navigate the Indian River, but will also be able to ascend the St. Lucie river to Stuart. The St. Lucie river is a fine natural harbor and because of its great depth, will accommodate very deep draught ships.

A movement to bond the county for good roads, has recently been defeated, but another and more satisfactory one is on foot, and will probably be carried through.

Owing to the youth of St. Lucie county, the school system is still imperfectly organized, but under the impulse of progress, now prevalent, in the minds of the citizens it will doubtless be raised to the highest standard found in the state in a short time.

A projected railroad across the State with Fort Pierce as one of its terminals would add a great many settlers, to this section, thus increasing its prosperity and prominence.

A proposed trolley line connecting all points on the East Coast, would make these lands more valuable, than elsewhere in the United States, as it would supply a modern convenience to those desiring homes in the Riviera of America.

In conclusion, it is safe to say that in a few years St. Lucie county will rank second to none, in the state, because of its matchless climate, fine location, variety of resources and the enterprise of its citizens.

REV. MACNAMARA ON
CHRISTIAN SOCIALISM

Editor TRIBUNE:

Last Saturday evening Rev. MacNamara delivered his lecture on Christian Socialism in the town hall at White City. There was a large attendance and the audience seemed much interested. Following the lecture an exhibition of moving pictures was highly interesting—the children in particular enjoyed it immensely.

The underlying principles of Christian Socialism taken from the scriptures, were illustrated by stereopticon pictures of banners and the flag of universal brotherhood. It is to be regretted that this portion of the exhibition was slighted through fear of disappointing the children, having had the promise of the moving pictures. Neither was the lecturer aware of the great interest taken in socialism here. Especially as Christian socialism is a new presentation of it in White City. The writer feels sure your readers would like to know something more of it.

The best expression of Christian socialism is to be seen in the Christian Socialist Fellowship. Its objects are stated in the constitution—Art. 2—as follows:

"Its objects shall be to permeate churches, denominations, and other religious institutions with the social message of Jesus; to show that socialism is the necessary economic expression of the Christian life; to end the class struggle by establishing industrial democracy, and to hasten the reign of justice and brotherhood upon earth."

Thus it is seen that the Christian socialist indorses scientific socialism, only approaches it from a different standpoint, that of the Gospel (good tidings) which Jesus preached. He may differ from the other brother also, as to the surety of socialism as an evolution—that capitalism must give place to it. Capitalism is now in process of evolution into the trusts, but the people will not, or may not, take over the trusts without a proper moral qualification for self-government in an industrial democracy—and the trusts may become enthroned in power and keep the workers (of brain and muscle) in object slavery. The Christian socialist sees the necessity of having the church, now generally opposed, to give its great moral influence, and strength in votes also, to the cause of socialism to overthrow the great dragon of capitalism when its power is concentrated in the trusts.

OBSERVER.

THE OPERETTA
"SNOW WHITE"Improvement Hall Taxed to Its
Capacity Monday Evening

WAS GREATLY ENJOYED

The School was Ably Assisted by Doctor
VanLandingham, Herbert VanLand-
ingham and Miss Edith Taylor

Before an audience which packed the Improvement Club hall to the doors, hundreds being unable to obtain seats, the beautiful operetta "Snow White," by Clara L. Burman and G. F. Root, was presented Monday evening by the pupils of the Fort Pierce school, assisted by Doctor VanLandingham, Herbert VanLandingham and Miss Edith Taylor. The entertainment showed the careful training which has been bestowed upon it and without a skip or break it was brought to a successful ending, every one present voting it the best amateur effort of recent years in this city. From the opening chorus to the closing ensemble, the singing and stage work compared favorably with professional companies. Every one connected in any way with the production deserves much credit, especially Mrs. Hunter, principal of the school, who has worked early and late, her efforts being crowned with success.

The opening picture was a forest scene portraying the celebration of Snow White's sixteenth birthday. Miss Edith Taylor in the leading role was most charming and her solo, with the chorus in the opening number, was especially pleasing. When the curtain arose at 8:15, it was on a scene of rare beauty, the little children as fairies in white costumes with wands, their gauze wings and pretty dresses, the larger girls as forest children and the older girls as companions of Snow White, all combined to enhance the beauty of the scene.

Miss Ethelyn Cramer as the jealous queen step-mother, was perfectly at home and her stage presence was most regal. Her song, "The Magic Mirror," and her duet with Snow White in the first act were fine, and her acting in the third act, where she seeks to kill Snow White, deserves special mention. Dr. VanLandingham made a hit as Carl, the huntsman, and his song in the first act, "Death Goes Roaming," captivated his audience and made himself solid for the remainder of the evening. His duet, "Farewell," with Miss Taylor, was also very pretty.

Herbert VanLandingham, as the lovelorn prince, carried his part in a fitting manner despite the efforts of his "friends" to make him spoil it by laughing.

Between the second and third acts Misses Laura Penny and Florence Stetson rendered a duet on the piano in a pleasing manner.

Mrs. Hunter presented Miss Ruth Alderman, who presided at the piano, with a gift as a slight token in return for her hard work in connection with the play.

The cast was as follows:
Snow White, Miss Edith Taylor;
Queen, Snow White's stepmother, Miss Ethelyn Cramer, Carl, the Huntsman, Dr. VanLandingham; Prince, Herbert VanLandingham; Seven Dwarfs, Ray Saunders, Leslie Tyre, Philips Platts, Francis Cross, Fred Jones, Stephen Gladwin and Eugene Summerlin; Maid of Honor, Miss Jonnie Van Dittmar; Scepter Bearer, Miss Jessie Moore; Brides maids, Misses Ethel Tyler, Myrtle Edwards, Laura Penney, Berta Dardis, Florence Stetson, Nan Alderman, Annie Brown, Lois Davis, Pearl Fultz and Theda Horton; Pages, Ollie May Summerlin, James Hopkins; Fairies, little girls of the school; Forest children, larger girls of the school.

Jordan Not Guilty.

The Pittsburg Press of May 5th, has the following regarding the trial of Thomas Jordan, colored, who was arrested in this city two months ago:

"Shortly before 12 o'clock today the jury trying Thomas Jordan, the colored janitor of the First National Bank of Turtle Creek, on the charge of stealing \$4,750 of the bank's money, was found not guilty. The jury had been out since 3 o'clock yesterday morning, Judge J. M. Swearingen having tried the case. Jordan was represented by Attorney Frank R. Stewart.

"Thos. Carroll, former cashier of the bank, brought the information against Jordan, whom he traced to Florida, where he found Jordan quite prosperous. Jordan evidently convinced the jury that his story of good luck was true."

BOOSTER CLUB HOLD
THEIR REGULAR MEET

The second meeting of the Fort Pierce Booster Club was held in the Improvement Club hall Wednesday evening and was attended by a number of our citizens. Report of the membership committee showed thirty-one new members

bringing the total membership up to eighty-eight. The Fort Pierce band was present and discoursed several fine selections. The new bass horn which was recently purchased, added much to the rendition of the various pieces.

The meeting was called to order by Booster President W. E. Tylander, and in the absence of the secretary, A. K. Wilson, F. M. Tyler was named as acting secretary. The account of the last meeting as it appeared in THE TRIBUNE was read and adopted as the minutes of the last meeting. The report of the membership committee which was the only regular committee appointed at the last meeting, was given by A. B. Brown, who stated that thirty-one new members had been secured since the last meeting. They are as follows: Rev. T. H. Johnston, D. L. Sheffield, W. A. Belk, W. E. Youngs, S. G. VanLandingham, S. P. VanLandingham, H. O. VanLandingham, Mrs. S. S. Halliday, Mrs. H. Halliday, Henry Thayer, S. S. Buell, H. I. Klopp, W. T. Harbin, P. Kroegel, Homer Conkling, C. H. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. McCarty, Miss Annie Lardner McCarty, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Harman, Mrs. W. N. Hendry, C. C. Boykin, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fee, D. H. Conkling, W. J. Nesbitt, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Bronnum, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tyre.

President Tylander announced the standing committees as follows:

Finance—A. D. Penney, C. M. Horton, Mrs. C. M. Horton.

Membership—T. J. O'Brien, A. B. Brown, Mrs. B. B. Pyles.

Street and Sanitary—B. B. Pyles, W. E. VanLandingham, E. E. Rollins, Mrs. J. S. Bell.

Town Improvement—J. E. Andrews, R. Whyte, J. G. Coats, A. C. Dittmar, G. S. Tucek, Mrs. J. E. Andrews, Mrs. A. D. Penney, Mrs. R. Whyte, Mrs. F. L. Hemmings, Mrs. J. T. Lisk.

Entertainment—A. K. Wilson, A. B. Brown, W. E. Youngs, C. C. Feigel, F. M. Tyler, Mrs. E. E. Rollins, Mrs. C. C. Feigel, Mrs. C. M. Horton, Mrs. J. G. Coats, Miss Laura Penney.

Advertising and Promotion—A. K. Wilson, A. B. Brown, F. L. Hemmings. The president requested that the committees meet as soon as possible to organize and select their chairman, the first name on each committee being empowered to call the first meeting.

On motion of A. D. Penney the committees were empowered to add to their number if they see fit. Mr. Penney also suggested to the entertainment committee that at the next regular meeting some kind of social program be given. The question of the Fourth of July celebration was brought up and Mr. Penney suggested that as the Board of Trade had intimated they were ready to take the initiative in the

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH ESTABLISHED

The First Presbyterian church of Fort Pierce is now a reality, the permanent organization having been perfected last Sunday morning in the Improvement Club hall. The organization and ordination services were conducted by Rev. W. W. Farris, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Miami, assisted by Dr. Gillespie Enloe, of the same city. A splendid musical program was presented, which included a solo by Miss Underwood with violin accompaniment by her sister, which added considerable to the service.

The following were entered as charter members of the First Presbyterian church of Fort Pierce: Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sample, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ehrhart, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Daniels, Mrs. Estella Hartman, Mrs. George Saunders, Mrs. H. O. Harman, Mrs. S. B. Castle, Mrs. H. S. Andrews, Mrs. Arthur Jennings, Mrs. S. H. Raulerson, Mrs. Mary P. Platts, Mrs. J. Frank Bell, Miss Alma Ehrhart, Messrs. A. D. Penney, Benjamin Hogg, P. C. Eldred, Eugene Hartman, G. E. Dutton.

Elders and deacons were then elected as follows: Elders—Geo. E. Dutton, for three years; A. M. Sample, for two years; A. D. Penney, for one year. Deacons—C. M. Horton and A. K. Wilson.

The rite of baptism was conferred upon the two younger children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Campbell, and Holy Communion was celebrated.

Rev. Dr. Farris also conducted an evening service, returning to his home on the late train. The church has not yet called a pastor, but the elders are conferring in regard to securing one in the near future, and every effort will be made to secure a minister especially fitted for this work.

Rev. Geo. Marsh, for several years missionary to the slums of Whitechapel and Bethnal Green, London, England, will preach Sundays May 16, 23 and 30, as follows: Eden, 11 a. m.; Ankonah, 3 p. m.; Jensen, 7 p. m. Rev. Marsh will endeavor to make these services interesting, and every lady will receive a welcome, warm and winsome.

A contract has been awarded to F. W. Hahn, of Miami, for the erection in that city of a theatre building, to cost about \$9,000 and to have a seating capacity of one thousand. The building will be completed for next season.

EXERCISES OF
PUBLIC SCHOOLPrograms Elaborate and Well
Rendered by All the Pupils

CREDIT TO TEACHERS

Grammar School and Junior High School
In Excellent Shape—A Commence-
ment to be Long Remembered

The commencement exercises of the Fort Pierce Junior High School, which closed with the program of Monday evening, were the most successful ever held in Fort Pierce, and reflected much credit upon teachers and pupils alike, and will long be remembered, not only by those who took part, but by the public generally.

The closing exercises commenced Friday evening, April 30th, when the eighth and ninth grades entertained the graduating class in the Improvement Club hall, the evening being spent in various amusements, and closing with a splendid spread of refreshments.

This was followed by the Baccalaureate sermon by Archdeacon T. H. Johnstone, in the Improvement Club hall, Sunday morning, May 2nd, notice of which was given in our last issue.

The main exercises were contained in the programs of last Friday afternoon and evening, and Monday evening when the curtain dropped on the final act of the public school for the term of 1908-9.

The program of Friday afternoon was as follows:

Musical	.....	School Orchestra
Chorus	.....	"Florida".....
School Motion Song	.....	Primary, Boys
Recitation "Kittens and Babies"	.....	James Hopkins
Color Drill	.....	Sixth Grade
Butter Song	.....	Second Grade, Boys
Recitation "Snakes"	.....	Frank Beville
Chorus "I Double, Double Dare You"	.....	Third Grade
Recitation "The Quarrel"	.....	Mildred Jackson
Song "Red Wing"	.....	Alma, James and Gordon Lane
Daisy Drill	.....	Primary, Girls
Chorus "My Dixie Land"	.....	Fifth Grade
Recitation "Little Alex's Bear Story"	.....	Lyla Pyles
Fancy Party	.....	Fourth Grade, Girls
Recitation "Bon-Bon-Buddy"	.....	Alfred Summerlin
Good-Night Drill	.....	Second Grade, Girls
Musical	.....	School Orchestra

Each and every number was most excellently rendered, but especial mention should be made of "Motion Song" by primary boys; recitation, "Kittens and Babies" by Master James Hopkins; "Color Drill" by sixth grade; chorus, "I Double-Double Dare You" by third grade, in which little Miss Thelma Feigel, the smallest in the class, acted as leader; the recitation, "The Quarrel" by Mildred Jackson; song, "Red Wing," by Alma, James and Gordon Lane, who, dressed in Indian costume, with bows, arrows and tomahawks, acted and sang their song in a splendid manner; "Daisy Drill" by primary girls; chorus, "My Dixie Land" by Fifth grade; and "Bon Bon Buddy" by Alfred Summerlin, in negro costume.

The Friday evening program was devoted to the graduates of the Grammar School and the students of the Junior High School. After an opening number by the school orchestra, Judge A. D. Penney addressed the graduates in a very able talk, and took occasion to also warn the people of Fort Pierce that unless every effort was put forward to raise the public school to a Senior High School, by installing the eleventh and twelfth grades, the ten graduates of the Junior High School must seek further education elsewhere or abandon hope of further advancement.

Mr. Penney then presented the diplomas for the Junior High School and the Grammar school, and presented the medals and prizes awarded, as follows: Graduates of the Junior High School: Ethelyn Cramer, Johnnie Van Dittmar, Jessie Moore, Ethel Tyler, Ruth Alderman, Laura Penney, Berta Dardis, Rodman Backus, Howard Horton and Malcolm Moore.

Graduates of the Grammar School: Pearl Fultz, Annie Brown, Theda Horton, Myrtle Edwards, Florence Stetson, Lisle Tyre, Lois Davis, June Summerlin, Nan Alderman, Grace Andrews, Blanch Dittmar, Ray Saunders, Clayton Almond, John Andrews, Harold Lord and Pritchard Hart.

Award of Medals—TRIBUNE medals for essays, first, Will Hunter, second, Malcolm Moore. P. P. Cobb declamation medals won by Jessie Moore and Phillips Platts. Honorable mention Theda Horton and Lillie Trowell.

Award of Prizes—Johnnie Van Dittmar, Phillips Platts, Jannie Cowan, Pearl Swain, Jewell Swain, Lowell Hill, George Kimball, Blanche Dittmar, Myrtle Edwards, Pearl Fultz, Margaret Tyler, Ruby Swain, Anna Laura Simmons, Hazel Underwood, Alfred Summerlin, Louis Drawdy, Lydia Wilson, Sossie Register, Mabel Wilson, Paul Moore. These were special prizes offered for attendance by the teachers of the various grades. Phillips Platts received special mention, coming from White every school day during the year.

The balance of the evening's program was devoted to the declamation contest for the gold medals offered by Mr. P. P. Cobb, the conditions being that one medal should be contested for by the girls and one by the boys. The

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